

cations of the records of said courts, all criminal causes and all proceedings by *scire facias* against defaulting defendants and witnesses summoned therein, or their securities, pending in said superior and inferior courts, and not disposed of at said term, to the said criminal court; and the said superior and inferior courts shall recognize as well the witnesses as the defendants in the causes and proceedings aforesaid to appear at the next term of the said criminal court, and the said criminal court shall have jurisdiction to regulate proceedings by *scire facias* against defaulting defendants and witnesses summoned in said causes, or their sureties, when the default occurred before the transfer or removal of said causes and there has been no judgment rendered therein in said superior or inferior court, in the same manner as if said default had occurred in the said criminal court. That the inferior court of the county of Mecklenburg is hereby abolished, from and after the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, except for the purpose of transferring cases and proceedings as herein provided. That the said criminal court shall have and possess full jurisdiction in the county of Mecklenburg, to proceed in, hear, try and determine all causes and other matters transferred from the superior and inferior courts of said county, in the same manner and to the same extent, as the court from which said causes and matters were transferred would have had, but for the provisions of this act, with the right of appeal as herein provided, and no cause or matters so transferred shall be in any way prejudiced by reason of the said transfer.

Recognizances,
&c., how returnable.

Inferior court
abolished.

SEC. 22. That the aforesaid criminal court for Mecklenburg county shall hold its first term on the second Monday in April next, and the next term of the criminal court for New Hanover county shall be held on the third Monday of March next.

First terms of the
courts.

SEC. 23. That the criminal court of New Hanover county, as it now exists by law, shall be construed in full

Criminal court of
New Hanover not
abolished, only
modified by this
act.